

**Remarks**

With the reply to the restriction requirement, Applicants elected claims 77, 78, 2-17, 19-26, 60 and 75 (claim 77 and dependent claims), 82, 18, 76, 83, 84 and 88-107 (claim 82 and dependent claims) (Group I), said to be drawn to a wound dressing composition in which the microparticles dispersed in the hydrophobic liquid phase comprise poly(quaternary amine) containing organic polymer, without traverse. With the election of Group I, the Examiner further requires an election of species to claims 77, 79, 82, and 85 to elect: a) elastomeric, thermoplastic or hydrophilic; and b) extrudate or foam. Applicants elect the species of an elastomeric polymer and foam.

With the election of an elastomeric polymer, the Examiner additionally requires election of a single species of elastomeric polymer. Applicants elect polyisoprenes. Applicants respectfully submit that the election of species is readable on at least the following claims: claims 2-8, 13-19, 21-26, 60, 75-78, 82-84, 88-94, 99-101, and 103-107.

With this response, an earnest effort has been made to respond to all issues raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the application is requested.

If any questions or issues remain, the resolution of which the Examiner feels would be advanced by a conference with applicant's attorney, please contact such attorney at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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